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ALMA

Talks. Fr. Brian, director of sodalities in French-speaking Canada spoke to the Theologians on the success of sodalities in his country.

Fr. Minister (Joseph Donohoe) gave an informal presentation of the history and development of the Chinese province.

Fr. Urusov lectured on communism—substantially the same material that he presented last year to the Pentagon.

Fr. Farragher gave a lecture on medical ethics to the Southern Alameda County Chapter of Catholic Nurses at San Leandro.

Personnel. Fr. Joseph O'Brien began the canon law course for first and second years.

Messrs. Welch and McConville, respectively, have taken over the offices of beadle and sub-beadle from Messrs. Jacobson and Pierre.

Mr. Ramon Juste joined the community from the vice-province of Paraguay. He will study English this semester and begin his first year classes in the fall. He recently finished doctorate studies in cultural anthropology at the Catholic University at Bogotá.

Bro. Ellis has also taken up residence at Alma, replacing Bro. Gallagher, who has been transferred to Bellarmine.

Fire, Theft, Injury, etc. A night in early January brought a bit of excitement with a fire breaking out in the book-bindery during the evening study period. The building and its contents were saved by the quick action of a workman followed up by the Alma fire brigade and sixty scholastics.

Some clever work by burglars resulted in the loss of a tape-recorder from the small parlor by the classrooms. Subsequently Alma has been on the prowl for prowlers. The catch so far—three boys apparently planning to fish the front lake at night.

Mr. Layden, our lay library worker, is still in a serious condition at O'Connor's Hospital after having been run over by a small truck in San Jose.

A large fluorescent light fixture crashed down on Fr. William Huesman's desk, just as Father was leaving his room. The crash was heard throughout the building, but no one was injured and relatively little property damage was done.

Varia. Trips were made to the surrounding universities (Stanford Law, Cal. Med., etc.) to complete the selection of "moral abstracts" for the spring edition of **Alma Studies**.

The present rainfall has surpassed the total of last year. Lexington Dam is fast filling and can now be seen from the "fish ladder." As yet no serious slides have been reported.

Alma recently received an application from a midwest athlete for a football scholarship.

Fr. Yahn left for temporary duty at Providence Hospital in Oakland, while waiting for passage to Japan. He is scheduled to teach at Sophia University in Tokyo.

NOVIATIE

Lectures. Fr. John Curran is giving three talks to the Juniors on St. Paul to help them in their Scrip-

ture reading.

Fr. Hubbard spoke to the Novices as did Father L. Wheeler of the Maryland Province.

The Juniors also heard Father Brion (Lower Canada) on the Sodality and Father Wall on the Intellectual Apostolate.

Varia. A solemn High Mass on February 11 commemorated the centenary of the Lourdes apparitions.

Father Charlton is giving the Wednesday Lenten services at St. Joseph's, San Jose; Father Aldridge at St. Mary's, Los Gatos.

MOUNT ST. MICHAEL'S

Events. Once again the University of Gonzaga sponsored a statewide speech tournament which included almost every conceivable form of forensic articulation. Philosophers from the Mount aided in the difficult job of distinguishing the winners.

Preparations for Mount St. Michael's yearly spring concert are in swing. Already the orchestra has assembled, the music selected, and rehearsals begun. In keeping with a tender tradition, the orchestra will not feature a harmonica section although generous offers have been forwarded.

On February 10, students from Gonzaga High School presented to the scholastics a fine version of "You Can't Take It With You."

Spotlight Speakers. On January 19, Fr. Kossel appeared on the Gonzaga University sponsored telecourse to give the third of a series of lectures on freedom.

Senator Henry M. Jackson, Democrat from Washington, addressed the scholastics in Bellarmine Hall on January 27. After giving a brief talk, Senator Jackson, who is a member of the Senate Committee on Armed Forces, welcomed and received questions which roamed all over the national security field.

On February 7, Very Rev. Fr. Provincial (Schultheis) who is making his annual visitation of Mount St. Michael's, briefed the scholastics

about his recent trip to Rome. A few days later the community enthusiastically celebrated the customary holiday provided in honor of Fr. Provincial.

Fr. Schoenburg, professor of economics and sociology at Gonzaga University, told of the persistent and intricate problems involved in teaching high school students in a talk on February 7. Four days later, on February 11, Fr. Davis, professor of history at Gonzaga, gave a historical background to the problems which now haunt the Middle East.

Sick-at-Bay. Only a brief week separated the celebration of Fr. Rector's (E. Lindekugel) annual festival and the hospitalization of Fr. Rector himself. The cause of Fr. Rector's seven-day captivity in the hospital was a crushed foot. For a time Bro. O'Shea had the role of sick-socius to Fr. Rector, but he, too, has returned home.

Sports. The wound of having too mild a winter is being mildly soothed by a brief series of excursions to Mount Spokane. The first trip took place February 13, and there were no injuries. The excellent skiers had a wonderful time. The rest enjoyed the scenery in spite of the maximum visibility of twenty feet, or else rejoiced in the exercise provided by the absent convenience of a ski-tow.

UNIVERSITY OF SANTA CLARA

Calla lilies in full bloom, mid-February, first time in 37 years, Frank Bettencourt, long-time head-gardener, reports. Japanese star magnolias also in blossom, with fat red robins munching worms and ripe olives in south patio, all testify to good rains and sunshine at 80 degrees Sunday the 15th.

Alumni President Francis Murphy placed his company plane at disposal of Fr. Guenther and Mr. Stefan (Alumni secretary) for Chapter visits in Southern California and Arizona, with alumni council meeting at Palm Springs in late January. Both also accompanied the basketball team to Northwest and

further Alumni gatherings. Feb. 6, the newly organized Coll. of Bus. Ad. Alumni held first meeting on campus.

Fr. President Hauck met with Assoc. of Calif. Independent Colleges and Universities at Los Angeles Jan. 28. He also appeared twice before State Committee on Education hearings at Sacramento and Los Angeles relative to drawing up new laws on chartering of colleges. Assemblyman Hegland and Attorney General Pat Brown desire legislation to suppress current widespread Degree and Diploma mills.

Jan. 31 Fr. President was panelist at Calif. Jun. Coll. Assoc. on the Davis campus, discussing "Spiritual and Moral Values in Higher Education." At the Feb. 10 spring faculty meeting, Fr. Mei introduced new members, Fr. Norman Martin, Ph. D. (History); Dr. Phelps, Ph. D. (Director of Teacher Education); Fr. Geo. Dunne, Ph. D. (International Law); Fr. Theodore Mackin, S.T.D. (Theology); Fr. John Dryden, M.A. (Econ.).

Jan. 27, Fr. Spearman gave a well-received Community Conference on meaning and values of Ignatian Reverence. Feb. 8-9, Fr. Ludgar Brien, S.J., of Montreal led discussion of coast Sodality directors meeting on translation of Sodality spirituality into daily living of members. Fr. Brien's own spirituality carried much weight with his hearers.

Fr. McAuliffe's Mission Church witnessed 74,050 Communions during 1957 by devout laity, families and students. S. C. Jesuits also gave 4 missions, 18 two-day retreats, 1,446 Sunday talks and other sermons; instructed 37 converts; and prepared 17 students and others for First Communion. 325 periods of catechism were given. Jan. 30 found a group of lay faculty at El Retiro for the first of planned annual Recollection Day Retreats.

Fr. Gianera gave the invocation for the 3,500 members of United Fruit and Vegetable Growers in session at S. F. Civic Auditorium.

Mr. Charles Von der Ahe, Sr., from Los Angeles was present. Feb. 8, Fr. Gianera blessed the high noon nuptials of Sacramento alumnus Jim Diepenbrock with Tita Crilly at St. Dominic's, S. F.

The Hon. Harold R. McKinnon, police commissioner of S. F., spoke to an interested audience most forcefully on "Law Enforcement in a World of Crime" Feb. 13 in De Saisset. Frs. Flynn and Kennard will host Alma speakers for "Catholic Thought" series beginning Ash Wednesday evening with Fr. Casey, "Bible and Modern Science." Fr. Wall on Feb. 26 treats "Current Views of Theology"; Fr. Robert Dailey, March 5, "Psychology and Medicine—Their Interrelationship"; Fr. Terrence O'Connor March 12, "Modern Art and Catholic Sensibilities." A charge of \$10 is asked for the 14 lectures; or one dollar for a single lecture.

Fr. Walter Schmidt received well-merited publicity in S. F. and San Jose papers Feb. 13 for welcoming to membership in his Santa Clara Valley Youth Village the Hungarian track star Tabori Lazlo and the coach Igloi Mihaly of the Hungarian Team that refused to return to soviet-crushed Hungary. A few days before, Fr. Schmidt jointed his youth group in welcoming 25 labor union representatives for awards of honor, for their work gratis on the Village construction.

The youth group was founded by Fr. Schmidt in 1944 as the "Whatsit Club." It now has 6,148 members. Friday evening attendance averages 1,500. Most important is the opportunity for Fr. Schmidt's priestly counseling the doubtful, and youth from broken homes. These seek his guidance while the staff of some 30 full-and part-time assistants (paid by the County and Community Chest) direct recreational activities.

Fr. Schmidt's drama group presented Fr. Geo. Dunne's hilariously grim musical "Mellerdramer," "Virtue Well Rewarded," or "She Got What Was Coming to Him," enjoyed by Village members and Jesuit

guests Feb. 4, 11 and 16.

Feb. 9th heard a rendering of "Jazz in the Ship," instrumental and mixed choral sponsored by the Assoc. Students and Fr. Kennard.

Father Brusher's Clay M. Greene players under Mr. Shea will present Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral" Feb. 28. The same afternoon the Catalá Club will sponsor a "Style Show of Hats." The Catalá ladies have to date donated \$6,000 toward the Magin Catalá Scholarship Fund for the University.

Father Pociask brought the gifted musicians Miriam Zunser, violinist, and Bernhard Abramowitsch, piano, to the De Saisset patrons and guests, Feb. 23. He will present for preview and reception on March 2 the painter in oils, A. G. Warshawsky and artist Frank Dorn of dry brush water colors. Each will speak briefly on his work to be exhibited March 2-31 in the Gallery. Dorn offers the 21 California Missions in outstanding dry-brush.

Fr. Will Crowley's appointment to NCAA Eligibility Committee has been extended for a new six year term. He serves with other members, Chemist Hardt of Texas Christian, and Athl. Dir. Kiphuth of Yale for two and four years, respectively. The NCAA sponsors 14 national competitions over which the Committee has full control of eligibility rules.

Fr. James Vizzard on leave from Econ. Dept. is now Assist. Sec. for the Nat'l Cath. Rural Life Conf. in Washington, D.C. and is named to the new Church-Industry Advisory Board of Nat'l Assoc. of Mfrs. Researching under a Crown-Zellerbach Foundation grant, Fr. Vizzard has had articles in national publications on "Who Shall Own the Land"; "The Mutual Security Program"; "God's Bounty and Human Hunger"; "Problems of Social and Economic Development". He has also given many statements before Congressional hearings on domestic and foreign agricultural problems. As member of several national councils, his work takes him

about the U.S. for local observation and liaison.

Father Norman Martin returned Shrove Tuesday from a successful gall-bladder removal at St. Mary's, S. F. Fr. Watson is much improved in the infirmary. Fr. Sprague has been aided by Trainer Harry Schmidt and has now some movement in hip muscles.

Fr. Frugoli has replaced worn corridor fixtures and globes and is redecorating parlors where necessary. New stationery with pleasing cut of the Mission is in community supply, some with the proper and authenticated "Founded 1777" above University of Santa Clara. This is in recognition of the continuous genuine education program, technical, linguistic, musical, dramatic, and bookschool in days of the Padres—officially handed over by the last Franciscan, Fr. Real, to Fr. Nobili for continuance by the Jesuits, March 21, 1851. Fr. Nobili opened classes immediately again in May, 1851, and since then the "School of the Padres" has continued and grown under Jesuit auspices.

Financial Survival. The Fund Report of the U. of Sta. Clara for the calendar year 1957 reflects the work for continued strength and growth of American Independent Education. It implies, however, constant "door to door" efforts by our college presidents and authorized friends. Santa Clara thus netted through administration efforts \$42,286—a 21% gain above previous year's donations from friends, clubs, corporation grants and the Calif. Independ. Coll. Foundation (CICF). Alumni raised another \$52,036.00, a 334% increase over previous year's donations. Bequests brought \$13,500.

Varia: Friends and former tertians of Fr. Leo Martin will remember him in their prayers. He will not be able to return from the hospital as Tertian Instructor. Fr. Kiely is acting until appointment of a successor at Port Townsend after Lent, reports Fr. Robt. J. Carmody, visiting Santa Clara for recuperation.

Our titular saint, St. Clare of Assisi, has taken on new duties in her

recent nomination by Pope Pius XII as patroness of television.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Meetings. Fr. Rector (Casassa) attended the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southwest Museum; also the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles World Affairs Council.

Fr. Darrell Finnegan was chairman of a panel at the annual meeting of Philosophers of Education held in Pomona; he attended the meeting of the Board of Directors of the California Council on Teacher Education and gave the invocation at the annual meeting of the California Student Teachers Association held at the Ambassador Hotel. Also, he represented the NCEA national office at Portland during the Regional Conference of the National Commission on Teacher Education and Professional Standards, called by the NEA.

Fr. Humphreys participated in a panel discussion on Missiles and Higher Education at the Alumni Forum together with Dr. Frank Sullivan of Loyola University and Dr. Donald Dooley of the Autoneutronics Corporation.

Spiritualia. Father Odou gave a couples retreat for the Hollister chapter of the Holy Family Retreat Association at Santa Cruz, February 28 to March 3. In the community exhortation for January he read Fr. Karl Rahner's article on Obedience, which appeared in the Woodstock Letters during the past year.

Lectures. Fr. Rector gave the main address at the annual Dads and Sons Dinner of Villanova Preparatory. The general topic was preparation for college. He also gave an address to the Newman Club of Long Beach on "American Education."

Fr. Finnegan read a paper as part of a panel on "Accreditation of Secondary Schools" at the annual meeting of the NCEA High School Department in San Francisco. He gave the key-note address at the Leadership Conference held at the

San Fernando Valley Campus of L. A. State College before the President, Deans and thirty or forty faculty members as well as student-body officers and officers, of campus organizations. He addressed the Los Angeles Diocesan Guidance Council and Principals' Association at the Chancery on "Personality Testing." Also he spoke to all the Freshman Orientation Classes and to the Colleges of Arts and Sciences and Business Administration on Loyola's Education Department and the need of teachers. He addressed the Marymount Mothers' Club on "How to Go to College—These Days." Both mothers and daughters were present.

During National Brotherhood Week Fr. Vaughan addressed the Hawthorne Kiwanis at a luncheon meeting on the Four Chaplains who heroically gave their life-belts to sailors and heroically arm in arm went down on the torpedoed Dorchester in July, 1943.

Improvements. Albert C. Martin and Associates are the architects for the new library and they are now working on plans for the first unit of the new library.

An educational experiment in teaching Spanish to elementary school children sponsored by the Education Department proved quite successful. Two groups were to be formed: kindergarten to third grade, and fourth to sixth grade, with a minimum of ten children in each and a maximum of fifteen. On registration day 53 children from kindergarten to third grade showed up with the parents and 34 of them were accepted upon payment of the fee involved. The older group had 20, of whom 15 were taken. It is planned to use this as a means of attracting teachers in elementary school to a workshop for them in Summer School when a demonstration class will be formed.

A Swimming Pool Rally inaugurated the drive to raise \$30,000 to build an outdoor, heated, filtered pool. Fr. Kilp gave the opening talk and asked students for their cooperation in making the drive a

success. Fr. Kristovich outlined the plan for the drive and explained the details of the program. The drive, begun on February 14, is scheduled to end at the Junior-Senior Prom on May 24. Climaxing the drive will be a drawing in which a 1958 Plymouth will be awarded as first prize, an 8-day tour of Hawaii for two persons as second prize, a portable TV and two season tickets to the L. A. Civic Opera as third and fourth prizes. Eight other valuable and attractive prizes will be awarded.

Events. Fr. Rector was a guest at the Jesuit Parents' Dinner at the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel. Bishop Bell was the principal speaker.

The Loyola Reading Clinic had a large exhibit at the Statler Hotel during a conference on Vision and Reading sponsored by the Optometric Association. Three other local universities which do work in this area were also represented in the exhibit hall.

Visitors. Fr. Finnegan and Fr. Kilp with the assistance of the Crimson Circle entertained the entire senior class (36) from Villanova Preparatory, Ojai, together with their moderator, Fr. Sullivan, O.S.A. They came to look at a Catholic College in action.

Varia. Fr. Farmer returned to Loyola University during February. He had spent the fall semester at Santa Clara, recuperating from a long sick spell last summer.

LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL

Ministeria. Father Rector (Plushkell) gave talks on "Christian Discipline" to the Marymount Mothers and to the Women's Club of St. Paul the Apostle's Parish. Father also congratulated the 118 Jesuit parents who gathered in Pasadena for their second annual banquet at the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel. Bishop Bell was the principal speaker.

Two weekend retreats were given at Azusa: one by Father Brannon to a group of Loyola students, the other by Father John Shepherd to a group of Jesuit Dads. Both re-

treats were well attended. Father Shepherd also conducted the Forty Hours this year in Blessed Sacrament Church.

Leave of absence for 7 days was recently granted to the regular chaplain of St. John's Hospital, Santa Monica. During this time he was replaced by Father Bassett.

Drama. From January 31st through February 3rd, on their own campus and on their own stage, the Loyola Players presented the grand old Gilbert & Sullivan musical comedy, "H.M.S. Pinafore."

Can the past return? It can and did. During the 3 evening performances the Auditorium was thronged by enthusiastic audiences. The Saturday matinee was attended by at least 200 Sisters.

The principal parts this year were taken by veterans from the Junior and Senior Classes, students acquainted with "Othello" and "Murder in the Cathedral."

The one exception was the part of Captain Corcoran, the befuddled and love-distressed commander of the Pinafore who never swears, well, hardly ever. Chosen for this part was a young Junior entirely new to the boards, though well known in and around the school for winning many speech contests. This was Terry O'Brien, son of the Hollywood screen star Pat O'Brien. The production was ably directed by Messrs. Gallas and Rolfs, who had to modernize quite a few lines and situations for the better understanding of so many Rogers & Hammerstein admirers of today.

Once again dance routines had to be enlivened and fired up, and once again the call went out for MGM's head choreographer, Hermes Pan. The result was magic.

Speech. In the National High School Oratorical Contest, sponsored by the American Legion, Loyola speakers won 3 out of the 4 Elimination Contests in this Twenty-fourth District. In each of these contests 7 schools took part, each school being represented by one speaker.

On February 17th the District Fin-

al was held, and Loyola came in second, third and fourth.

Sports Rally. The annual Spring Sports Rally was held in the new gymnasium on Monday evening, January 27th. Coaches Bill Barnett (basketball), Bill Quinlan (swimming), Father Sargent, and our new baseball coach, Al Forthman '53, addressed the crowded gym.

After Bill Barnett's wonderful speech, the highlight of the program was Father Rector's presentation of Lew Stueck, Loyola graduate '53, 2 years cub halfback, 2 years pupil of Red Saunders, 2 years coach of St. Anthony's, Long Beach, and now signed up as our own head football coach.

The rally concluded with lively selection of the Loyola Band and spirited cheers of the assembled dads and sons.

Basketball. With victories over Serra, Cathedral and St. Anthony's, the Loyola Cubs moved into first place in the Catholic League. After a short week on top of the pack, the Cubs unexpectedly wilted before the onslaughts of Notre Dame and Mt. Carmel.

As of Monday, February 17th, Cantwell and Mt. Carmel are tied (10-2) for first place. The Loyola Cubs (8-4) tenaciously cling to their third place in the C. L.

Two more games remain for each of the 8 teams. The season will have ended by publication time.

Publication. Father Houle has published a gripping story of his four years imprisonment among the Chinese Reds in the January-February issue of **Jesuit Missions**.

Testimonial Luncheon. Father Joseph Donovan was guest of honor at a luncheon given to him by the members of the California Bar Association. Father was lauded for his many years of devoted service as Regent of the Loyola University Law School.

Among the dozen speakers were Appellate Court Justices W. Turney Fox and Thomas P. White.

First Friday Devotion Increases. A new Loyola tradition began on the First Friday of February, this year

on February 7th. On that day, 3 different Masses were offered in 3 different places at one and the same time: 10:45 a.m. in the Community Chapel for 230 students; in the Auditorium for 290; and in the Old Gym for the bulk of the student body, 420 strong. *Cor Jesu Sacratissimum laudetur in aeternum.*

Varia. Father Stack is recovering in the hospital from operations on his feet and a double hernia. The operations were successful and he will be ready to return home soon.

Father Doyle was welcomed back to the community after several weeks in Our Lady of the Angels Hospital.

Stanley Espinda, a graduate of St. Louis University, has recently been added to the faculty to provide continuity in our Chemistry Department.

Fathers Bassett, McCoy and Rice attended the Solemn High Requiem Mass for Father Busch in Santa Barbara.

Kevin Robb, brilliant Loyola graduate '54, is listed this year in **Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities**.

Improvements. To put new life and vigor into the lawns around the Faculty Building, a new underground sprinkling system is being installed by Brothers Desjardins and Sessing.

The first stained-glass window to be installed in the Community Chapel was designed by Maxime Ingrand, Parisian artist. The generous donor is Mrs. Margo West. High over the main altar, in each of the three panels of the largest and most deeply mullioned Gothic window, St. Ignatius looks out upon his sons, shining with the most gorgeous colors they could give him, Ignatius at Montserrat, Ignatius at Manresa, Ignatius in glory. The window was designed and fitted together in Paris, France, and was installed by Richard Jung, an alumnus of Loyola in its Garvanza days, a student of Father Hubbard in 1915.

Out-of-Province Visitors. Father Simon Youn (Wisc.) returning to

his birthplace in Korea from St. Louis University.

Brother Michael Daniels (Wisc.), also en route to Korea.

Father Richard Schucher (Detr.) and Father Philip Veelken (North Germany) en route from the University of Tokyo to the University of Michigan for special language studies.

Father Bernard Tervoort (Netherlands), visiting hospitals for further study of the habilitation of patients with brain tumor and deafness from birth.

Father Louis Wheeler (Md.), former Secretary of the National Jesuit Retreat Association, to give the Forty Hours at Palm Springs and an 8-Day Retreat to the Trappists of Vina, California.

HOLY FAMILY

No Authority. Toward the end of January, a prowler was discovered in broad daylight tiptoeing through the rectory. Nothing was taken, as he was unable to prowl or tiptoe very long.

More No Authority. A week later several parishioners advised us that they had been approached by a solicitor of funds, who claimed (without authority) to come in the name of Father Peña, asking for financial help, in one case for poor Latin-American students, in other cases for (so he said) a forthcoming fiesta on the Santa Clara University grounds with Hollywood stars as an attraction.

With Permission. The Chancery willingly granted us permission to have an evening Mass on the First Friday for the Spanish-speaking people. Our first was on Feb. 7. The attendance was as large as that of the morning Mass.

Some More Permissions. We were also given permission to celebrate an evening Mass on the 12th of each month—the day dear to persons devoted to Our Lady of Guadalupe (Feast Day, Dec. 12). 222 communions.

Ashes. Over one thousand per-

sons received ashes here on Ash Wednesday evening.

During the week of his Spanish Mission in Rawlins, Wyo., (Feb. 11-18), Father Peña found 400 Mexican families in a railroad terminal town of about 6,000 population.

BROPHY

Visitors. Fathers Maring, Brolan, Rice and Newport.

Fathers Doherty, Newport, Babish and McDermott conducted a two-day institute on Devotion to the Sacred Heart. Father Stewart from St. Xavier Parish also gave a talk.

Academica. The Latin Lab is finally completed—and our thanks to Brothers Connolly and Quirin for the excellent piece of work they performed. The lab was put to use immediately by Father Gallagher.

On Thursday night, February 20, about 40 public high school language teachers are to be here to witness a demonstration of the new method of teaching Latin. Father Gallagher will have one of his classes on hand to show the visitors what is being done. On the night of February 24, Father Gallagher will also give a demonstration to the Mothers Guild on the same subject.

The Freshman Oratorical contest was held Thursday night, February 13. There were three divisions, Oratorical, Dramatic and Humorous. The opinion of all attending was that it was undoubtedly one of the best Freshman contests ever held.

Fathers Harrington (Rector) and McDermott (Vice Principal) are both attending night classes at Arizona State College.

Father Fox attended a meeting of the Catholic Librarians in Los Angeles.

Sick Bay. Father Schenk with an infection in his eye had to stay in the hospital for almost two weeks and it will be another week before he will be permitted to go back to class.

Mr. Griffin was in bed with laryngitis.

Father Dodd came down with the

flu and now is confined to the hospital for a series of tests.

BELLARMINE

Senior Retreats. During the last week in January Fathers Stretch and Devlin accompanied 58 seniors to El Retiro for a retreat under the direction of Fr. Newport. The following week Fathers Clifford and Devlin took another group of about 60. These retreats were purely voluntary.

Sodality. On February 2, 23 probationers were permitted to make their public act of consecration as Sodalists. The boys had been well prepared over a period of three semesters by Mr. Van Dorn. Fr. Clifford, the Director, officiated at the ceremony, which followed a Sunday morning spent in recollection, then he offered Holy Mass for all the Sodalists and probationers in the school. These also had made the "Day of Recollection."

On Sunday, February 16, 35 Sodalists represented Bellarmine at the meeting of the Catholic Federation of Youth held in the Civic Auditorium in Oakland.

The St. Valentine's Day dance for the student body was sponsored by the Sodality.

N. F. L. Fr. Pettid took 14 young orators to the National Forensic League Tournament held at the San Francisco State College February 14 and 15. We qualified three boys for the state finals to be held in Santa Barbara in May.

One of our boys won the American Legion Oratorical Contest over five local public schools. He is entitled now to compete for the Northern California title on March 7 in San Francisco. The winner of this contest at the national level receives a \$4,000 scholarship.

Although we do not sponsor a debating society for freshmen, our budding debaters aren't being neglected. During Christmas vacation, Fr. Pettid lined up and began training a group of freshmen for a debate tournament. The event was held here on the campus Sunday af-

ternoon, February 2. Although it did not draw a large crowd, the participants seemed to enjoy it and were certainly benefited.

Alumni. Fr. Conway has been quite busy directing many alumni activities. The annual Baseball Night was held in our gym since it had outgrown the banquet halls originally rented for the affair. Luc-ca's Restaurant catered the spaghetti and steak dinner for 190. Charlie Silveira, Wayne Belardi, Bob Bowman, Sal Taormina, Bill Renna, and Leo Righetti were honored guests. World Series pictures were shown.

The Auxiliary had a Valentine Party in the boys' dining room on February 12. The hall seemed too small for the large crowd that attended.

Basketball Night was observed on February 27. It was a family affair. The feature attraction was the game between the alumni and the Bellarmine Basketball teams.

Other events scheduled for March are the Cana Conference to be conducted by Fr. Moore (U.S.F.) here in the Boys' Chapel, and the Auxiliary potluck supper on March 8.

The Bellarmine Alumni News is now being printed, and at the request of many more attention is now being given to the activities of students here and now. Much appreciation was shown for the samples of work done for the senior Religion class that were printed in the February issue.

Dads' Club. About sixty members of the Dads' Club made the three day retreat at El Retiro, Feb. 6-9.

After the buffet supper served February 11th to the workers from the Dads' Club and the Mothers Guild who had put on the Golden Bell Dinner Dance with such grand success, the chairman for the project, Mr. Robert Bryant, presented Fr. Rector (Dullea) with a check for \$11,000 to be used for the new buildings.

Athletics. Fr. Morley says: "We may not have the best basketball team in the whole Bay area, but we certainly have the BEST DRESSED

team—with their new white orlon sweat-suits. Thanks to the Alumni."

Visitors. A visit from Fr. Wheeler of the Maryland Province, under whom many of the community had made a retreat nineteen years ago, was greatly enjoyed on January 21.

Fr. Frank Sheerin was invited to give the community exhortation for February.

Absentee. Fr. Coffey was operated on for hernia, Monday, Feb. 17. He is now recuperating at O'Connor's Hospital.

Varia. Rains have slowed but not stopped the construction on the new school buildings.

Fr. Rector (Dullea) gave the invocation at the testimonial dinner tendered Chief of Police Ray Blackmore.

ST. FRANCIS, PHOENIX

New Church Begun. The dream of St. Francis Xavier Parish was finally realized on February 3 when construction began on our new church.

The old rectory, which served as a garage in the original Brophy High School buildings in 1928 and was moved to the front of the property about 1936 by Father R. S. Burns, was sadly razed to the ground as the initial phase of the operation.

Father Kelleher offered this building to Brophy High School but it was impossible to move a second time.

On February 16 ground-breaking ceremonies took place. Mr. Frank C. Brophy, in giving the main address, recalled the long history of our institution and congratulated the people for their splendid generosity.

The proposed church, seating 1,640 people, has already been acclaimed to be the most beautiful in the state. Completion date has been designated as Easter, 1959.

It has been less than one year ago, February 24, 1957, when the pastor inaugurated a Fund Raising Campaign. The goal was \$600,000. Pledges amounted to \$731,000 over a three-year period. At this date,

February 18, 1958, the cash returns have been \$235,000—running a little ahead of schedule.

Visitors. Resting here after a spinal operation, has been one of a long line of favorite pastors, Father James Deasy, S.J., and due to arrive here for a brief stay is Father Charles S. Casassa.

FRESNO

Spiritualia: Scholastics as Sub-Deacons. The Scholastics are now supplying as sub-deacons at the 10:00 A.M. Sunday Solemn High Mass in St. John's Cathedral, Fresno. Mr. Roach was sub-deacon on Septuagesima Sunday; Mr. King, on Quinquagesima Sunday; Mr. Reilly, the First Sunday of Lent. This will continue during the regular school year.

The seminarians also participate in the Sunday services, acting as M.C., acolyte, and torch bearers.

During January and February the Fathers continued their week-end supply calls to Yosemite.

Confirmation services were held in the Fresno diocese at St. Alphonsus' and at St. John's Cathedral in February. Fathers Superior (Finnegan), Harkin, and Brady represented the seminary.

The father of one of the seminarians, Bernard Edmundson, died suddenly at Santa Cruz February 14. Father Finnegan drove Mr. Edmundson over to Santa Cruz.

Events: Catholic Book Week. The San Joaquin Memorial Student Body invited the faculty and the seminarians to attend an afternoon tea. A display of new Catholic books was viewed in the high school library.

Mardi Gras: Under Mr. King's direction, the Ryan Little Theatre Group again produced and directed their own expert and imaginative skits and entertainment for this traditional pre-Lenten holiday. Prizes were awarded to the best play, the best actor, and the seminarian who wore the most unique costume that evening.

Basketball. Fr. Crain and Mr.

Roach helped coach a fine group of basketball teams for an intramural schedule. Also on the seminarians' list were outside games with Theodore Roosevelt High School and the Southern Boy's Baptist League of Fresno.

Visitors included Father Urusov, who celebrated Mass in St. Anne's Seminary Chapel. It was the first time many seminarians ever attended a Russian Rite Mass. Father Geary assisted Fr. Urusov at Mass.

Father Louis Wheeler (Maryland) visited with us for a while after his return from Northern California where he conducted retreats for Trappist and Holy Names Religious.

Father Joseph Murphy (Maryland), now assigned to the Burma Mission to run a minor seminary and to build a major seminary there, also visited with us. He was particularly interested in seeing how Ryan Seminary works during an average school or vacation day.

Brother Henry, F.S.C., is living with us at Ryan for a couple of weeks. During that time he is micro-filming Msgr. Culleton's Californiana now stored in the Bishop's Library.

Father Ralph Tichenor celebrated Mass in the seminary chapel for the success of the University of San Francisco's basketball team in town that day to play Fresno State.

Father John Brolan consulted with Fathers Crain and Harkin on the success achieved with the new Latin Method.

ST. MARY'S, SAN JOSE

Forty Hours Devotion. On Sunday, January 19, the Forty Hours Devotion began with Solemn High Mass. Father Franklin of Bellarmine was the celebrant, Father Buckley, deacon, and Mr. Keating was sub-deacon. Father Buckley preached the evening sermon. A good crowd attended the devotions. On the last evening with the procession of the Blessed Sacrament, the Church was really crowded.

On Jan. 20, Father Silva of El Retiro gave a day of recollection to

the Mothers' Club of St. Mary's. More than 100 attended the conferences held in St. Mary's Church. Breakfast and luncheon were held at St. Mary's Cafeteria, just across the street from the church.

On Feb. 1, the Boy Scouts of St. Mary's made their annual pilgrimage to the snow fields near Long Barn. The chaplain went along to assure daily Mass.

Father Busch Comes Home. Fr. Busch, before he was transferred to Santa Barbara had been pastor of St. Mary's for almost seventeen years. It was, then, in the best of parish traditions, that Father Busch, who had given so much of his life to the people of St. Mary's, should in death, come home to his people. On Feb. 11, funeral services were held for Father Busch at St. Mary's. The office of the dead was recited at 9:30, followed by a Mass of Requiem at 10 o'clock. Father Budde, pastor of St. Mary's, was celebrant. The casket was brought to the church on Tuesday morning before the services. And an hour or more before the services, the casket was opened. Many friends of Father Busch passed to say a prayerful goodbye.

Father Busch had been pastor of St. Mary's for some seventeen years until poor health forced his retirement. After a brief rest he went to Santa Barbara as assistant at Our Lady of Sorrows. For some years while at Santa Barbara, Father Busch used to help out with confessions at nearby Camarillo Seminary, during the clergy retreats.

Father was well known among the clergy and he had quite a clientele. While the clergy enjoyed with profit the many learned conferences given by very eminent retreat masters, yet if they had a problem big or small, their best priestly instincts told them that Father Busch was the man to see.

Father Busch was gifted with an unusual sympathetic understanding of people and their problems. Those in the parish were quick to see this. Not only Catholics but non-Catholics, Jew or Gentile found in

Father Busch a warm friend. Since his death not a few non-Catholics have come to the rectory at St. Mary's to express their sympathy and to have a Mass said for their departed friend. "He was so kind to us," they would say, "when there was sickness, trouble or poverty in the family." The charity of Father Busch was catholic and embraced all. This coming from so many, non-Catholics and Catholics alike, is an eloquent tribute to the Christlike charity of Father Busch.

At Santa Barbara, Father Busch, in addition to the parish work, was chaplain of the county hospital until sickness forced his retirement less than two months ago. The care of the sick whether at home or in the hospital was the work nearest to the heart of Father Busch. May his generous priestly soul rest in peace.

BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Cafeteria has been moved from its old location to a new position facing Cassil Place. It is being converted into a gymnasium, and will also serve as a meeting hall.

An addition was constructed to the kitchen and the front office in

order to give needed added space to the residence.

A new garage is being constructed. This building has living quarters over the garage. Money was borrowed to promote this building program.

Fr. Philip Bourret, S.J., of the Chinese Mission, has been a recent visitor. He is gaining knowledge on the art of radio broadcasting in order to advertise the Missions.

The Bishop will hold Confirmation here February 23.

During the year 1957, 170,000 Communion were distributed.

The 12:05 daily Mass that has recently been added to our schedule is very well attended.

VARIA

Recent deaths. Fr. William F. Schott (N. Y.) at Brooklyn on Feb. 4. Fr. Henry Busch at Santa Barbara on Feb. 6.

You are also asked to remember in your prayers the souls of the father of Frs. John and William O'Farrell, the mother of Fr. Sexton (Ore.), and the mother of Fr. Raymond Buckley.

Lit. dim. accep.: P. Eduinus F. Carr (coadj. spir.); Robertus B. Piser, P. Laurentius J. O'Toole, Albertus W. Cornelius (schol. appr.)